Delhi on April 11, 2005. Article VII of this Agreement states, "In reaching a boundary settlement, the two sides shall safeguard due interests of their settled populations in the border areas."

The Special Representatives are exploring the framework for a final package settlement covering all sectors of the India-China boundary on the basis of this Agreement. There have been ten meetings of the Special Representatives so far. Both sides have agreed to hold the next (eleventh) round of talks between the Special Representatives at a mutually convenient time, to be decided through diplomatic channels.

Takeover of Singareni Collieries

*176 SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has proposed to takeover Singareni Collieries as part of its move to form National Coal Grid;

(b) whether any help or cooperation is sought from the foreign companies or institutions in the formation of National Coal Grid;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the share of the Centre in the Singareni Collieries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) and (b).

(d) The share of Central Government in Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is 49 %.

Non-performing contractors

*177. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has black-listed more than 20 domestic and foreign companies and put them in "non-performing" list for dragging Golden Quadrilateral Highways projects;

(b) if so, the names of such firms and the projects delayed by each of them;

(c) whether Government are also considering imposing penalty on non-performing contractors; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has identified 17 contracting firms (nine Indian and eight foreign) as non-performing contractors on the basis of review of their performance for implementation of projects awarded to them.

(b) The names of non-performing contractors alongwith the projects delayed by each of them are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The agreements signed with the contractors provide for liquidated damages for delay, which is generally @ 0.05% of contract value per day subject to maximum 10% of the contract value. This penalty is for the delay because of reasons attributable to the contractors which also include non-performing contractors.

NHAI has criteria for judging the non-performing contractor(s) and as a policy non-performing contractors do not pre-qualify for award of any future contract in NHAI till their performance improves in course of subsequent review.

Statement

List of non-perofrming contractors and the details of projects delayed

INDIAN FIRMS

Sl. No.	Name of the Firm	Projects Delayed
1	2	3
1.	Ashwani Construction Company, New Delhi.	Etawah Bypass
2.	Afcons Infrastructure Ltd., Mumbai.	Hubli – Haveri
		Kanchipuram – Poonamalee
		Nandi Hills Cross to Devanhalli and Six laning of Meenukunte to Habbal (NS-24/KN)
3.	A.L. Sudershan Cons. Co. Ltd., Hyderabad.	Tumkur Bypass
		Kalkallu village to Gundla Pochampali (NS-8)
		Chitradurgha Bypass
4.	APIL (Subsidiary of Afcons Infrastructure Ltd.), AFCONS-APIL (JV), Mumbai.	Hubli – Haveri
5.	Bhageeratha Engineering Ltd, New Delhi.	Bridges section (WB-III)
		Thumpipadi to Salem (NS-26/TN)

1	2	3
		4 laning of Karur Bypass including additional bridge across river Amarawati
		Garhmukteshwar – Muradabad
		Etawah Bypass
6.	DD Builders Ltd., Bhubaneshwar (Orissa).	Ganjam – Icchapuram
7.	M/s Essar Group, Mumbai.	Haveri–Harihar (Terminated)
		Harihar–Chitradurga (Terminated)
		Chitradurga – Sira
8.	Lanco Construction, New Delhi.	Dalkola Islampur Sub section 2(EW/6)
		Purnea – Gayakota (EW-12/BR)
9.	Rani Construction, New Delhi.	Purnea – Gayakota (EW-12/BR)
FOREIGN FIRMS		
1.	Bhumihighway, Venture Berhad (400463-M), Selangor-Darul Ehsan, Malaysia.	Bhogpur to Jalandhar (NS-16/PB)
		Ganjam – Icchapuram
2.	Centrodostroy, Moscow, Russia.	Fatehpur – Khaga (TNHP/II-C)
		Handia – Varanasi (TNHP/III-C)
3.	China Coal Construction Group Corporation, Beijing, China.	Shikohabad — Etawah
4.	Dolomite Industries Co. Sdb. Bhd, Selangor Darul. Ehsanm, Malaysia.	Chitradurga bypass
5.	PATI-SDN-BHD, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.	Etawah – Rajpur (GTRIP/I-C)
		Dhankuni–Kolaghat (WB-I)
6.	Sticco, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.	Sunakhala–Ganjam (OR-VII)

1	2	3
7.	UEM Builders (6551-K), Kuala-Lumpur, Malaysia.	Haveri – Harihar (Terminated)
		Harihar – Chitradurga (Terminated)
		Chitradurga – Sira
8.	You-one Engineering Construction Co. Ltd, Seoul, Korea.	Srikakulam to Champawati
		Eight Laning of Haryana/ Delhi Border to Mukarba Chowk
		Gundla Ponchampalli to Bowenpalli

Impact of large dams on global warming

*178. SHRI EKANATH K.THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the recently published study by the scientists, large dams in India are responsible for about a fifth of the country's global warming impact and Indian dams are the largest global warming contributors compared to other nations;

(b) whether it is a fact that the total methane emissions from India's large dams could be 33.5 million tonnes per annum; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to investigate in this matter and the action proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Scientifically, methane, a greenhouse gas contributing to global warming, is emitted from reservoirs of dams. However, no scientific study, as on date has been brought out, pertaining to methane emissions from the reservoirs of Indian dams.

(c) Does not arise.

Targets under Bharat Nirman Yojana

†* 179. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the 'Bharat Nirman Yojana' of Government has achieved its targets;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.